(4) Efforts are being made for improvement in terminal facilities and provision of proper facilitation to the passengers.

(5) Steps are being taken to progress towards implementation of Satellite based Communication, Navigation, Surveillance and Air Traffic Management (CNS/STM) systems.

Training of AI and IA pilots

17. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even if our airports are equipped for CAT II or III landing systems, IA and AI pilots will not be able to land as they are not specially trained for this; and

(b) what action the airlines are taking in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) DGCA has finalised and issued the training requirements for authorising flight crew for Category II/IIIA operations. All the scheduled airlines have been advised to train their pilots accordingly so that they can operate flights under Category II/IIIA conditions. The airlines are taking necessary action.

Renaming of Vadodara Airport after Sri Aurobindo

18. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had set up a National Committee for celebration of the 125th Birth Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo;

(b) whether it has been decided by the National Committee to name Vadodara Airport after Sri Aurobindo; and

(c) if so, whether Government have taken any decision to name Vadodara Airport after Sri Aurobindo; and

(d) what is the present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Committee has desired that Vadodara Airport be renamed after Sri Aurobindo.

(c) and (d) The proposal has been referred to the State Government of Gujarat for obtaining their views.

Night Landing facility at Agartala Airport

19. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether night landing facility has been provided at Agartala Airport; and

(b) the date from which the night landing facility is operational?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Night Landing facility which was available since 24.5.1997 was suspended temporarily because of cattle menace and obstructions in the approach path. The obstructions have since been removed and a boundary wall has been constructed to prevent the cattle from straying on the airfield. The system has been restored from 15.11.1998.

Recovery of dues from private airlines

20. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airports Authority of India collected any amount as fees or tax from the private airlines;

(b if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of amount collected and outstanding dues from the private airlines including the break-up of different private airlines; and

(d) the steps taken by the AAI to collect the outstanding dues?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The airlines are paying Landing, Parking, Terminal Navigation Landing, Route Navigation Facility Charges, Passenger Service Fee, X-ray baggage charges, and Housing/ Parking charges. The airlines also pay for other services like Licence fee for land/space allotted at airports, Water & Electricity Charges, use of Cargo facilities etc.

(c) The details of amount collected so far and dues as on 31.12.98 are given in the Statement (*See* below)